



info memo – Jan. 26, 2007

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Filing for Council Posts Opens February 5th

Filing for the three Broken Arrow City Council seats on the April 3rd ballot will begin in just over a week.

Interested candidates may file at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 N. Denver, in Tulsa from 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5th through 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Once a candidate has filed, he or she may pick up a packet of information from the Broken Arrow City Clerk's office in City Hall (220 S. First Street).

Council seats on the ballot will be those from Wards 3 and 4, as well as the At-Large seat. Tom Chatterton, Judi Myers and Wade McCaleb currently hold those seats.

Candidates must have been a registered voter in that ward for at least six months prior to filing for the position. The At-Large candidate may live anywhere in the city limits, but must have been a registered voter here for at least six months prior to filing.

For a detailed map showing all of the City's wards, go to the City website at www.brokenarrowok.gov, then to the "citizens" section of the site, "government" and "running for election."

Citizen's Police Academy Underway

The BAPD 2007 Citizen's Police Academy is off and running. Topics on the course agenda this year include an overview of criminal investigations, patrol tactics, traffic, technical investigations, crisis negotiations, and fire department services.

Sessions are held at the BAPD Training Academy with graduation expected in April.

The police department hosts one or two academies every year. The goal is to encourage citizen involvement and increase understanding of the police department and its many services.

Centennial Park Bricks Still Available

The City of Broken Arrow marked its 100th birthday in 2002. As part of the celebration, Centennial Park was officially dedicated.

The park consists of a nine-foot statue depicting a Creek Indian woman, a farmer and little boy, benches, landscaping and other amenities. A walk consisting of commemorative bricks leads from the sidewalk along Main Street to the statue area. At the time of the park's dedication, 816 commemorative bricks were sold.

The City of Broken Arrow wishes to complete the Centennial Park commemorative brick paver program. About 1,000 spaces for brick pavers remain. Personalized inscribed bricks will be sold for \$50 (Tax Deductible). Blank bricks are in stock and can be engraved locally, then placed in the walk at Centennial Park.

An order form for the bricks is available through the City's website, (www.brokenarrowok.gov/our-citizens/quality_life/centennial_bricks.htm).

Proceeds will be used to make additional improvements to Broken Arrow parks.

City Employees Hold Blood Drive Feb. 7th

After one of the most successful blood drives in city history last December, city employees will roll up their sleeves once again Wednesday, Feb. 7th, in an effort to help replenish supplies of the American Red Cross.

The recent ice storms have left the Red Cross with a critical need.

The drive will be held at the Central Park Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each donor will receive a free Oklahoma Centennial t-shirt. Those wishing to donate blood should eat well and drink plenty of water before coming in. To schedule a time, call 259-2400, ext. 5247.

Girls Softball Registration Ends Sunday

Jan. 28th is the final day for pre-registration for Broken Arrow Girls Fastpitch Softball. Registration will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the BAGSL office in the Arrowhead Park Softball Complex, just east of Main on Washington.

Leagues are open for players 4 years of age (T-ball) to 18, with the player's age as of Dec. 31, 2006, determining the age classification. Cost varies according to the age division from \$55 to \$70. Registration is open to all Broken Arrow and Union girls. This year, birth certificates must be presented at the time of registration, or mailed in with registration forms. The league does accept MasterCard and Visa.

Practices begin March 1st and games start April 3rd. For more information, visit the BAGSL website, www.bagsl.org